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Planning Board Gives Greenbrook Green Light Over City's Objections

by Mary Lou Williamson

The three sections of Greenbrook (formerly the Tidler tract) and the three parcels of commercial development on the Smith-Ewing property received the go-ahead from the Prince Georges Planning Board on December 5 in Upper Marlboro, when the board approved the preliminary plats of subdivision (see map). In so doing, the board disregarded the position of both their technical staff and the city council of Greenbelt that the public facilities test — adequate roads to service the new development — had not been met. Further, the board readily agreed with the developers' contention that they had more than met the legal requirements for mandatory dedication of green space.

In discussing whether there will be adequate roads to service the new development, the issue was confined to whether sufficient commitments are in hand to show that the reconstruction of the Greenbelt Road bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and of the access ramps to and from the north-bound lanes of the Parkway will occur in a timely manner.

If those two projects are delayed, argued Greenbelt's mayor Gil Weidenfeld, the present four-lane bridge will create such a bottleneck that the widening of Greenbelt Road to six lanes from Mandan Road to the Capital Beltway (being undertaken by the county) will offer no remedy "to the rapidly deteriorating traffic conditions." The exit ramp from the Parkway at evening rush hour "is chaotic and dangerous at the

board that the project would receive approvals on time.

Federal legislation of 1970 set aside \$65 million in Highway Trust Funds for reconstruction of the Parkway. Brugger explained to the planning board. The legislation required that the State of Maryland assume operation of the Parkway before any of the federal funds could be spent. When the state later refused to take over the road, use of the federal funds was effectively blocked. New federal legislation to undo that "jurisdictional impediment" has now been approved separately by the House and Senate, he continued. However, the House bill also included an appropriation of \$6.5 million for design and pre-construction work, but the Senate bill did not include any appropriation.

(According to Congressman Steny Hoyer's office, a compromise is expected to be reached between the House and Senate which will set the appropriation at \$3 million. This would be included in the overall Congressional appropriation bill at the end of the year.)

Decisive Factor

A decisive factor in the decision by the planning board was the two letters that emerged from a meeting of the Prince Georges County Transportation Oversight Committee held on Tuesday, December 3 in Annapolis on the issue of the federal road improvements. The meeting, called by Delegate Timothy Maloney (Beltsville), was attended by Brugger; developer Michael T. Rose; Fern Piret, county executive's office; James Novak, county transportation department; Hal Kassoff, State Highway Administrator; Hoyer's aide, John Moag; Larry Hogan, Jr. and members of the committee.

City officials told the News Review they were not invited and did not know about the meeting. "The whole process was wrong if all interested parties were not invited," State Senator Leo Green later told the News Review.

Green said the committee was poorly advised to not notify Greenbelt officials of the meeting and the letters.

Hoyer's letter, dated December See PLANNING BOARD, page 5

City Council Rejects Subdivision Plans

by Bob Hickman

At its regular meeting on December 2, the Greenbelt city council formally rejected subdivision plans for the Greenbrook and Smith-Ewing tracts, based on concern that adequate public facilities might not be in place and on a parkland dedication which was unacceptable to the council.

The decision followed discussions at several recent council meetings and work sessions, and a presentation by two attorneys for developer Michael T. Rose summarizing the plans and reviewing proposals to provide a six-acre lake to satisfy stormwater management requirements and provide what they described as passive and active recreation. About three acres of the lake area lying within the property was proposed to satisfy the mandatory dedication requirement for the developer. The remainder of the lake is part of the Schrom Hills Park area.

Attorney Diane Leasure described how the project had been scaled down in density over the last three years in response to the city's concerns. "You're getting exactly what we agreed upon, only less (density)," she said, adding that the latest proposal stood at 109 single family homes, 220 townhouse units, and 164,000 square feet of commercial office space. Mentioning that the dedication of land proposed was 110% of the mandatory requirement, and citing fees paid for design work, the proposed \$20,000 in path systems around the lake and design changes made in response to city concerns, she said, "All of the giving has been given and we just can't give any more because the project has become so tight."

Leasure argued that the "adequate public facilities" test would be met at the time of subdivision and site review and emphasized the revenue which would be generated by the project for the city. She stated that these funds could be used to buy parkland or recreational facilities if needed.

When council member Thomas White asked if a reply had been received from the (M-NPPC) Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission with regard to a traffic study, Mike McLaughlin of the city staff informed him that no written reply had been received but that MNCPPC believes they have laid the groundwork for an agreement. The terms would be that all projects listed in the devel-

See COUNCIL, page 4, col. 1

Council Debates Options For North End School

by Sid Kastner

At the regular city council meeting of Monday, December 2, the council dealt with the continuing question of the use of the North End school building, health care services for seniors, and the Roosevelt Center (Mall) plan, as well as what positions Greenbelt should take on pending state and county legislation.

North End School Use

Several alternatives for use of school building have been listed by the city staff. One recent possibility is to lease some of the space to the Paint Branch Montessori school which would be able to defray some of the cost of rehabilitation. Previous proposals have called for demolishing the original two-story wing of the building, and providing rooms in the newer wing for a nursery school, senior citizens' center, and city (recreations department, public works) use. It has also been suggested that the entire building be demolished and the area be used for parkland. The staff noted that most of these options will cost money; demolishing the original section of the building and reconstructing the remainder, for example, would cost about \$600,000.

Other options that have been suggested are use as a second police station, or as a second swimming pool facility. The first of these is still a possibility because the police department has asked for an additional police station, but a pool facility might create parking problems. In response to a question by council member Tony Bram, city manager Jim Giese stated that the cost of tearing down the whole building (as opposed to partial demolition and reconstruction) would be about \$100,000.

From the audience, Ann Pisano commented that there have been several surveys of "tax-paying citizens" on this issue, and urged that the school should be used primarily for local community purposes, not rented to outside organizations. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld responded that the building could be used (simultaneously) for several purposes, to "help pay for its upkeep." The matter was not resolved but council decided to hold a special work session on the school.

"Sheltered Housing"

Council member Joe Isaacs brought to council's attention a grant program called "Innovations," set up by the Ford Foundation, which will support projects in health care cost containment. He proposed, in particular, that this could be used to fund a "sheltered housing" program for residents of Green Ridge House; such a program can provide useful personal services such as meals, laundry, shopping, general housekeeping and transportation. Discussion brought out that there are presently eight such projects around the state, for example in Clinton, Maryland; however these are state-funded, not grant funded. This point

bothered Giese somewhat because it would be a "one-time award." Further information on the sheltered housing concept, essentially positive, was provided by visitor Sylvia Reischer of the county's Department of Aging. Council member Tom White suggested that the idea could be broadened to support other local innovative projects such as CARES or the Greenbelt bus service. Mayor Weidenfeld and council were generally receptive to getting more information on the Ford Foundation initiative.

Police Trailer

Police Chief Frank Hutson has brought the severe space problems in his department, located in the Municipal building, to council's attention. A temporary solution proposed by the staff is to lease and set up an office trailer at the west side of the building, next to the entrance to the furnace room. An adjacent pine See COUNCIL, page 14, col. 1

Nutcracker Opens Dec. 13

"The Nutcracker" ballet — a holiday story of magic and beauty in dance and music — opens Friday at 7:30 p.m. for the first of four performances at the Greenbelt Arts Center's Utopia Theater, and the Sunday matinee is already sold out.

The Peabody Institute, The Central Maryland Ballet and Mount Vernon Dance Center are providing the 50 dancers. Eleven-year-old Erin Spindler, who dances the part of Clara, spent some October evenings dancing in the New York City Ballet's version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Choreographed by Thomas Haner and Nancy Stam, Directors of the Peabody Institute and the Central Maryland Ballet respectively, the ballet has been performed near Baltimore, in Columbia and Bel Air, and goes to Goucher College in Towson on Dec. 21 and 22.

As in the past years, children will be invited to come to the stage after the ballet to meet the dancers behind the masks and costumes, and each child will receive a candy cane.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, performances are at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m., and the theater's box office will be open from 2:30 p.m. On Friday evening, the box office will open at 5 p.m. For information, call 474-7763.

Notice

The News Review is now open every Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the basement office at 15 Parkway.

Anyone with news stories, club and organizations news, letters to the editor, sports news, our neighbors and notices

is urged to bring those materials to the office on Monday afternoons. Classified advertising will also be accepted. Items may also be placed in the drop box at the Co-op before noon on Mondays.

The staff would like to reduce the increasingly heavy workload Tuesday evenings.

WHAT GOES ON

Fri., Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Crime Prevention Committee, City Council Chamber.

Mon., Dec. 16, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wed., Dec. 18, 8 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Proposal to develop Parcel 15, Municipal Building, Conference Room.

Thurs., Dec. 19, 8 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors, Hamilton Place.

"County Councilman Richard Castaldi called the (Hal) Kassoff letter a 'crucial element' in the planning board's decision to approve the plan . . . He felt the city's position was on target because nobody really knows what the schedule is for the federal road improvements."

present time. . . . If funds are not forthcoming — there is no date and no time frame and no guarantee the money will come," said Weidenfeld. "We will be stuck with a horrendous situation in a premier development area."

Both highway projects require federal approval and federal funding, but the decision-making process is so different from that of the county or state that determining whether the projects have been "programmed" — a county term and step that does not occur in the federal process — is subjective. The technical staff and the City of Greenbelt were unwilling to accept Congressional promises that the projects are programmed. However, George Brugger, attorney for the developers, produced letters that he claimed would assure the

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CORRECTIONS

In reporting members' comments on the proposed handyman program being considered at the November 21 meeting of the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the News Review in the December 5 edition misquoted GHI member Eunice Coxon. Coxon said that she could not get such work done more cheaply by outside workers (than by GHI). She did not say, as quoted, that she could get the work done better. The News Review regrets the error.

The name of the reviewer of the dinner theater production at the Quality Inn was inadvertently omitted from the Dec. 5 edition. The reviewer was Sandra Barnes.

CITY NOTES

The general crew cleaned storm drains, patched potholes, and cleaned curb and gutters. Snow removal equipment was checked and is now ready for service.

The parks crew has been picking up leaves and roadside debris. The Christmas tree was decorated for the tree lighting ceremony December 6.

Baha'i Faith

'Spirituality is the greatest of God's gifts, and "Life Everlasting" means "Turning to God".' — from the Baha'i Sacred Writings
Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
345-2918 / 474-4090



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

Utopia
Sunday
10 a.m.

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
Sunday School 11:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Rev. Dr. James Chong Park
Pastor
474-1924

At the Library

To celebrate the Holiday Season, the Markland Madrigalia and Dance Troupe will present an evening of medieval and renaissance music and dance at the Greenbelt Library on December 17 at 7:30 p.m. The Markland Madrigalia and Dance Troupe is a local group of singers, dancers and musicians who recreate the flavor of medieval Europe, wear authentic costumes and play authentic music of the medieval period. The Markland group has presented this musical program at the Greenbelt Library three times before and their programs have always been well received. Once again they promise a lively and colorful evening for both children and adults.

There are no book discussions at the Greenbelt Library during the month of December. The morning discussion group will resume on Thursday, January 16, 1986, at 10:15 a.m. The book to be discussed will be John Naisbitt's *Megatrends: Ten New Directions Transforming Our Lives*. Copies of the book are available at the library. For Greenbelt Library program information, call 345-5800.

Soccer Sign-Off

by Sue Cornelius

Soccer is over, and all that's left to do is to collect uniforms and to say "thank you" to all the people who helped make this a good season — the players for their enthusiasm and willingness to learn; — parents must be thanked for getting their children to and from practices and games; — Recreation Department for helping out with fields, permits, and space for uniforms; — Public Works Department for lining and maintaining fields; — the News Review for including soccer stories every week. It meant a lot to the players to see their names in print;

— the coaches, Frank Swahl, Doc Jones, Lee Johnson, Bob Greig, Henderson Brown, Kevin Wheatley, Sheila Wheatley, Isidore Lynch, Eddie King, Sue Cornelius, Bill Barron, Joe Murray and George Kooyman without whom there would be no program. We appreciate their time, energy, and patience. It has been a particularly good season, and spring soccer will begin in two and a half months.

Any players who have not turned in their uniforms should call 345-6081 to make arrangements to do so by Dec. 28, unless they wish to be billed for the cost of the uniform.

The News Review will carry announcements for spring soccer registration.

Greenbelt CARES

Director Carol Leventhal, a member of the county's Suicide Prevention Committee, participated in planning training modules for helping professionals on the topic of adolescent suicide. The sessions are to begin shortly after the first of the year.

Leventhal also attended a meeting called by the Juvenile Services Administration, to discuss recently revised policy on children in need of supervision.

A new sequence of teen discussion meetings was recently inaugurated at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Paul Fischetti and Wendy Wexler co-lead the group sessions on Wednesday afternoons from 4:15 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. in Room 137. The group focus will be on getting along at home.

In November, an average week's counseling activities at CARES included: 25 family units consisting of 54 individuals, 19 of whom were under 18.

Santa Claus Comes

To Raulin's Bakery

Old Saint Nick will be visiting Raulin's Bakery in the Chestnut Hills Shopping Center on Saturday, December 14, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Store owners Steve Raulin and Larry Kirsch say they were able to get through to Santa's executive secretary to arrange for this exciting visit.

Santa's knee will be available to anyone wanting to go over their current "Wish List." Balloons, refreshments and free samples of Raulin's many products will be on hand.

TASK FORCE RECEIVES

CITY MANAGER AWARDS

City Manager Awards have been issued to the five members of a three city Procurement Task Force by Greenbelt City Manager James K. Giese. This task force conducted an extensive review of available hardware and software, set standards for the purchase of computers that are now being used by other Maryland local governments, and achieved savings in costs as a result of the cities of College Park, Greenbelt and Bowie purchasing their equipment at the same time from the same vendor. The task force received proposals from 22 vendors of computer hardware and software services.

Receiving the award were: Sterling Cheatham, Finance Director of College Park; David Warrington, Administrative Assistant/Supervisor of Public Services, City of Bowie; Robert Patrick, Budget Coordinator, City of Bowie; Casimir Prybyl, Director of Administrative Services, Greenbelt and Michael McLaughlin, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, Greenbelt.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
First Three Sundays
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Fourth Sunday
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
422-8057

ERHS Receptions to Honor Former Principal, Students

Two receptions have been scheduled at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Thursday, December 19. A reception for former students will be held in the Media Center from 2:15 to 4 p.m. Former students are invited to drop by during that period. A reception for Ray Ogden, ERHS's founding principal, will be held in the Media Center from 7:30-9 p.m. Parents, students, former students and staff members are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Utopia's Saturday Morning Features Film, Workshop

"Return to Witch Mountain," a Walt Disney adventure film, will be shown Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at the Utopia Theater. The Saturday morning film program is open to all ages at a modest fee. Refreshments are available.

The Creative Dramatics and Acting Workshop will follow the film. This is open to children from ages 4-12. No reservations are needed for this free program.

Carter-Smith

James (Butch) Smith, son of Margaret and Lawson Smith of Boxwood Village, was married on December 7 at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Silver Spring to Rachel I. Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Carter of Trinidad and Venezuela.

Rachel is employed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Bethesda and is also a student at Montgomery College. James received his B.A. degree from Bowie State College in June and is now employed as a marketing specialist for the Department of Agriculture. They will reside on Plateau Place.

Greenbelt Lion Belles Plan Christmas Party

The Greenbelt Lion Belles will have their annual Christmas party at the home of Gudrun Mills, 11 Maplewood Ct., on Tuesday, December 17, at 7 p.m. Dessert will be served. All members are invited to attend.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

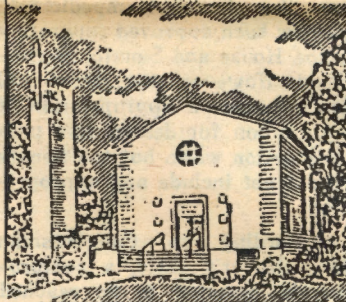
Rev. John P. Stack, Pastor
Rev. Thomas S. Schaefer, Associate Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 6 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. Monday - Saturday
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-5 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)
Hillside and Crescent Roads
Phone 474-6171 mornings
11 am Sunday Morning Worship
and
Church School for Children
Infant Care Provided at
Fellowship Center behind Church
The Rev. Daniel Hamlin,
Pastor

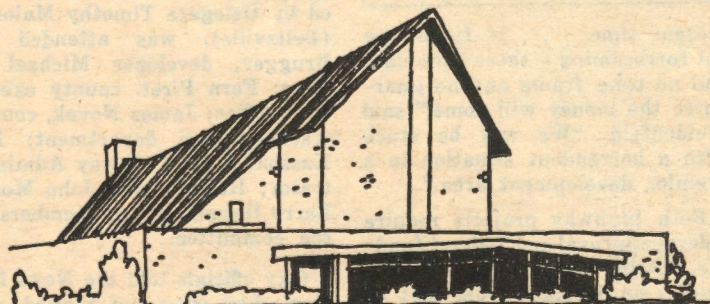
Looking For Directions?

Find Them In Worship of God GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212

Crescent & Greenhill Roads

Bible Study For All Ages (Sun.) 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services 11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services Sunday 8:30 and 11:15 A.M.
Pre-School Program Sunday 11:15

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

345-5111

Abstinence Urged

Dear Editor,

In your article, Dec. 5, "Council Looks at Procedures, Tries to Streamline Meetings" you relate Councilmember Tom White's lack of success in establishing smoke-free work sessions.

First of all I am a little surprised that two councilmembers have revealed to the Greenbelt public through the **News Review** their smoking behavior. Usually persons in public positions or in other important leadership positions these days are choosing to do away with their smoking habits or at least to conceal them. They find it improves their credibility. What are we constituents supposed to think if in the face of the existing common knowledge about health and smoking their public officials — "smoke"? Is this typical of their responses to other vast amounts of data on other issues?

One opponent of Councilmember White's proposal for smoke-free work sessions thought that the restriction on smoking during a long work session might be more of a distraction than the passive smoking might be. I maintain that it is much better to be distracted by a restriction on smoking than it is to be distracted for this prolonged period by experienced and projected ill health effects caused by side-stream smoke.

There is only one correct way to vote on this issue, and that is in favor of clean air, because: 1) 85 to 90% of smokers want to quit, and this offers help. 2) Passive smoking hurts smokers too — they must breathe in smoke from both ends of the cigarette. 3) Significant recent research has measured physical damage caused by passive smoking. 4) Clean air improves morale and stamina.

I suggest that any remaining smokers on the Greenbelt City Council sign an agreement with 20 or 30 students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School to abstain from smoking for the month of January. And I will volunteer to help arrange it and to provide quit-smoking pamphlets.

Bill Norwood

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The **News Review** welcomes letters to the editor. They must be signed in handwriting (with the name also printed), and must bear the writer's address and phone number. Names may be withheld upon request of the writer. If possible, letters should be typed double-spaced on one side of the paper. All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste and clarity.

Christmas Trees

Greenbelt Pool (Center)

Scotch Pine & Spruce

6 - 9 p.m. Mon. - Fri.
9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday
Noon - 6 p.m. Sunday

Benefit

Scout Troop 1746
Cub Pack 202

8-9 foot Spruce Trees
\$35 while they last

Letters to the Editor

Police Chief Gives Holiday Safety Tips

To the Editor:

As we all know, the holiday season is once again before us. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all of you that we must all take precautions at this time of year, more than any other, to ensure that we all have a safe and happy holiday season. I would like to suggest a few things that may help us to help you make this season a truly merry one for all.

1. If possible, go shopping with friends or family.

2. Park in parking areas as close to store fronts as possible, and in parking lots that are well lit.

3. Before you leave your car and when you walk out of the store, be on the alert for suspicious characters in the parking lot.

4. Be sure to lock car doors, put packages in the car trunk and out of view of would-be thieves.

5. Ladies - Keep your purses close to the front of your body, and not dangling from your arm or shoulder. Also, be sure your purses are closed.

6. Do not store articles in outside sheds or garages that are not securely locked.

7. Do not leave children's bicycles or other toys lying about the yard or on your porch. Place them in a safe area at the end of the day.

8. Do not hesitate to call the police, if you observe someone or something that looks suspicious.

If we all work together, we may all enjoy the upcoming holidays. On behalf of the officers and staff of the Greenbelt City Police Department, I would like to wish you all a safe and joyous holiday season.

Frank T. Hutson
Chief of Police

Christmas Wishes

To the Editor:

Since joining the Marine Corps I haven't been home much, but I still enjoy reading the **News Review** every week.

I am now stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. I'm sorry to say I won't be home for Christmas, but would like to wish my family and fellow Greenbelters a very merry Christmas.

I would like to hear from friends. Hope to be home soon. Much love to Mom and Dad, miss you all. Merry Christmas.

Steven M. Stewart, USML
H & M-39 A/F
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055

THANKS

To the Editor:

The Lion's Club of Greenbelt expresses its deepest appreciation to the people of Greenbelt for their tremendous response to the two recent Lion's Club and U. S. Marine Collection projects — "Toys for Tots" and "Monies for West Virginia Flood Victims."

The toys and monies turned in were overwhelming and almost beyond description. May God bless you all. You will make it a wonderful holiday season for many, many children, devastated individuals and families.

We wish to share the following letter we received from Lorraine M. Hall of the MCEAT fund, which has been coordinating efforts to help the unfortunate persons ravaged by the flood;

"On behalf of all of us in MCEAT, we send many, many thanks for your generous response to the needs of our neighbors who suffered in the recent flood. There has been an enormous outpouring of love and concern in our area, and we are indeed grateful.

"Needs are being met as fast as people come forth to receive food, clothing, and shelter and we realize a large part of the material being supplied is from people like you.

"May God bless you for your generosity."

Emory Harmon
Lion's Club

A Wonderful Place to Live

To the Editor:

The best of luck to Greenbelt and its citizens on the second try for the "All American City" contest. All friends of Greenbelt know the City of Greenbelt is the All American City.

Regardless of outcome the volunteerism and cooperation of all the people has made this wonderful place the place to raise a family and live the good life. . . and God bless you all, real good.

Leo Gerton
4878 Saratoga, Apt. 205
San Diego, CA. 92107

THANKS

To the Editor:

Thanks and special seasons greetings to the person who found my coin purse (with \$94 in it) for turning it in at the Post Office on December 9. As a new Greenbelt resident, I am most grateful to have this tangible evidence of the superlative qualities of Greenbelters.

A. E. Robinson

Greenbelt Should Have Been Included

To the Editor:

I want to assure the officials and citizens of Greenbelt that I sincerely regret that Greenbelt was not informed about the De-

cember 3 meeting of the Prince Georges County Transportation Oversight Committee in Annapolis. Greenbelt most surely should have been included since the sole subject of the meeting was projected highway improvements in the highly-developed corridor along Greenbelt Road, specifically the bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

It was my understanding that the meeting was to be strictly an informational one. I was not aware that it was called for the day before the Prince Georges County Planning Board was meeting on the proposed new subdivision, nor did I know that state and national officials would subsequently, but quickly, write letters which would militate against Greenbelt's official position on the subdivision.

I am not a member of the committee, but I would certainly have attended except that the Finance Committee, on which I do serve, was meeting at the same

time in another building. At my request, my aide attended to take notes.

I have contacted Senator Mike Miller, chairman of the Prince Georges Senate Delegation, and urged him in the strongest possible terms to ensure that all appropriate parties are notified about hearings dealing with their localities. I intend to do all that I can to see that such an oversight does not occur again.

Like ancient Rome, Greenbelt is in the not-always enviable situation of being the place that all roads lead to. The fact that the roads are under different jurisdictions — county, state and federal — only complicates already thorny problems.

I pledge my best efforts to the people of Greenbelt to keep the problem-solving process an open one with input from citizens and municipal officials, as well as from those at the county, state and national level.

Senator Leo Green

**HELP WANTED****Crewman IV (Parks)**

Grace GC-4, \$6.61/hr. starting salary. Driver's license required. Experience in horticulture and/or tree trimming desired. Apply City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD., 474-8052 by 12/27/85. EOE.

**AGENDA****City of Greenbelt, Maryland
REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, December 16, 1985
8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Council Meetings
— Regular Meeting December 2, 1985
5. Additions to Agenda by Council and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports & Presentations

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Replacement Fund of \$23,000 for the Purchase of Police Radio Equipment
— First Reading, Suspension, and Final Passage
10. Plan for Roosevelt Center
Advisory Planning Board Report #378
11. Proposal to Renovate and Expand Roosevelt Center
Advisory Planning Board Report #379
12. Revegetation of Crescent Road Area Near Lakewood subdivision/Status
Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report #15-85
13. Acceptance of Audit Report - FY 1984/85
14. 1987 Legislative Conference
15. Council Procedures
16. Shoreline Behind 48 Lakeside Drive

IV. NEW BUSINESS

17. Ordinance to Change Date of City Holiday for Martin Luther King's Birthday from January 15 to the Third Monday in January -
First Reading
18. Alternative Site Locations for Police Facility
19. Contribution to Suicide Prevention Hotline
20. Reappointments to Crime Prevention Committee
21. Cable TV Rate Increase

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**RLDP PROGRAM
FOR GHI MEMBERS**

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Council Rejects Greenbrook Subdivision Plans, Cites Lack of Facilities

(Continued from page one) oper-contracted Greenhorne and O'Mara traffic study would have to be shown to be "programmed" by the December 5 hearing, and that before building permits would be issued for the commercial office space, a new traffic study would have to be done to show the impact of the additional development.

Attorney Richard Reed, also representing the developer, spoke of assurances by Congressman Steny Hoyer's office that a bill has passed both the House and Senate which will remove the jurisdictional impediment on use of the \$65 million Highway Trust funds for the rehabilitation of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, including up to six and a half million dollars for widening the Greenbelt Road bridge and relocating ramp. Reed said that when the bill is signed by the President, the money will finally be authorized.

Weidenfeld, unconvinced, said that at this time the city has no concrete assurances that money will be provided for the expansion of the Md. 193 bridge over the Parkway and associated

ramps, or that the construction will take place in conjunction with the development.

Leasure replied that she understood the city's traffic concerns, but that she did not understand why the Rose development was looked upon as anything different from the Coakley and Williams development. (Coakley and Williams was recently given the go-ahead for the third tower of the Maryland Trade Center, when the council granted them a variance to covenants requiring road improvements to be in place before construction.)

Plans for Lakes

Discussion of parkland dedication centered on the developer's proposal to provide the six-acre lake in lieu of recreation facilities and simultaneously to satisfy stormwater management requirements. Council's opposition to the plan was based on the use of a portion of Schrom Hills parkland to form the lake, and council members' view that the spillway portion of the lake would be unusable for recreational purposes.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld noted

that the city staff had been in contact with (WSSC) and that indications were that WSSC had an agreement with Rose that he would provide the land needed for the stormwater management facility. When questioned on this, Reed admitted that an agreement exists in which an easement to WSSC for use of the property would be as acceptable as actual transfer of property. He added that their interpretation of the county greenspace requirements is that the land donated for the stormwater management could still be used to satisfy the county requirement, but that they would have to convince the MNCPPC at the hearing on December 5.

"Wouldn't it be fair to say that that land is getting double duty?" asked council member White, referring to the use of the same land to satisfy both WSSC stormwater management requirements and county greenspace requirements.

Reed replied that the developer is entitled to credit for both under law. He argued that the lake would be six acres in area, eight feet deep, and could be stocked

with fish, used for paddleboats, and would be far superior to the "2 acre mud hole" which would satisfy stormwater management requirements. "It is a 'visual amenity' and it serves active and passive recreation, potentially," he said.

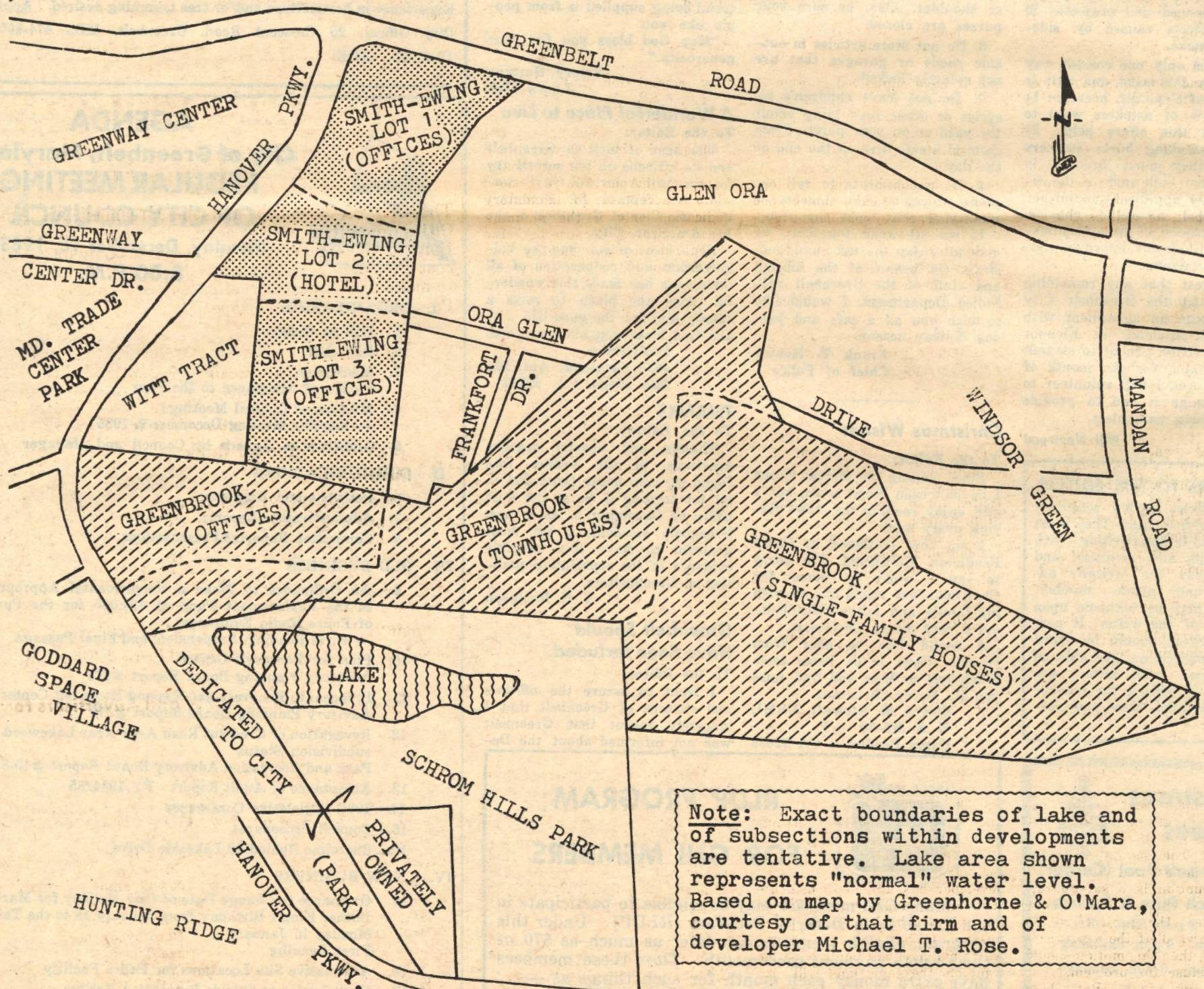
A letter sent earlier by council to the developer called for compensation for the unusable land proposed as a part of the stormwater management system, and requested that the city be compensated for this either by a contribution of \$100,000 or by joint participation with the city in the cost of acquiring the Schimmel and Steiner properties which intrude into Schrom Hills Park. When council members now complained about the minimal response to the letter, which stated only that the developer would "study" the city's request, attorney Leasure said that when the developer received the letter, "We were very insulted. We were so proud of the relationship we had with the city. . . ." She said that feeling all of the city's concerns had been addressed in the covenants, they were upset with the

suggestion that more be done.

Mayor Weidenfeld responded by noting that all that had previously been agreed upon were the zoning changes, that nothing had been discussed on the detailed subdivision plans. "Our position is that just as you represent Mr. Rose, we represent the citizens of Greenbelt," he explained.

At the conclusion of this discussion Leasure expressed disappointment with the city's expectations. "We are proceeding on the 5th (of December) regardless of the position the city takes," she said.

The council also decided to include Advisory Planning Board reports 367 and 377 as background along with their letter recommending rejection to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Report 367 outlines traffic concerns related to the development and calls for site review, provision of recreation facilities and an adequate public facilities test; Report 37 calls for denial of the preliminary subdivision plan because of inadequacy of public facilities.



This map shows preliminary plats of subdivision for two major tracts in East Greenbelt approved by the Prince Georges Planning Board — Smith-Ewing and Greenbrook. Also shown are a parcel to be dedicated to the city by the Greenbrook developer, and a combination lake/stormwater management facility to be built by WSSC. Most of the lake will be in Schrom Hills Park, which the city will soon acquire.

— map prepared by Bill Rowland

Planning Board Rejects City's Arguments On Public Facilities Test and Parkland

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In the second letter, also dated December 4, Hal Kassoff, State Highway Administrator, assured the planning board that his agency "views the need for highway improvements . . . along Maryland 193 (Greenbelt Road) from Kenilworth Avenue to east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway . . . by all levels of government (federal, state and local) to be of extremely high priority."

County Executive Parris Glendening "fully supports these projects," continued Brugger. (Improvements to the remaining portions of Greenbelt Road will be done by the county, even though it is a state road), continued Brugger.

"We are well aware of the extensive efforts of the county executive and Congressman Hoyer to remedy these problems and are well pleased with the progress that has been made," countered Weidenfeld. "That progress, however, still is not sufficient to handle all the traffic to be generated by already approved subdivisions in Greenbelt, as well as this additional development." The city, he said, is also concerned by the potential impact of new development in the Bowie-Glenn Dale areas that use Greenbelt Road.

"Rarely have the ranks of government" closed in to support a project as they have here, said Brugger. This development will bring in many millions of dollars to this area, he added. He quoted from an economic study the developers had commissioned, to show that "when built out, the surplus (tax) funds that will flow annually would be \$1.8 million to the county and over \$400,000 to the City of Greenbelt."

Motion to Approve

Roy I. Dabney, planning board vice chairman, moved the approval of the plat for Greenbelt, Part I calling for 39.4 acres of cluster R-55 single-family detached homes (109 units). In seconding, planning board member Samuel Y. Botts amended the motion to be "subject to the approval of the appropriation for the Parkway improvements."

Brugger objected, saying that "county law doesn't require money be appropriated (for road improvements). You're laying on a requirement that is far beyond . . . programming. We beseech you not to make that requirement. The moneys are forthcoming," he assured Botts.

"This motion is a safeguard," argued Weidenfeld. "If no money is provided, the project should not go forward. If the assurances are sound, then this motion should give no cause for problem."

For a few minutes Botts held to his amendment.

"We will be unable to go forward," responded Brugger. This action would "kill the project," he said, adding that as contract purchasers, we cannot obtain financing with this provision.

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Planning Board Chairman John Rhoads entered the discussion to ask, "How much do we need to know? The joint (congressional) conferees have it now, the only question is how much money. . . ?"

"I am going to reconsider," said Botts, who then withdrew his amendment.

"Things are in the hopper," said Rhoads. "We hope the applicant will do everything possible. . . . We have to look at the track record of the applicant and the attorney . . . rely on their integrity." The unamended motion passed three-to-zero. Margaret Yewell abstained from both discussion and voting on Greenbrook, Part I. Burt Keller was not present.

County Councilman Richard Castaldi called the timing suspicious: oversight meeting on Tuesday, letters written on Wednesday and Planning board hearing on Thursday. Since the city was unaware of the meeting and the letters, they couldn't react. Castaldi called the Kassoff letter a "crucial element" in the planning board's decision to approve the plan. He thought that without those letters that "gave an air that the improvements would be done," the planning board might have supported staging of development. Castaldi felt the city's position was on target because nobody really knows what the schedule is for the federal road improvements. Everyone appeared to support the development, which, he said, shows good quality. The key problem giving concern is the traffic.

Senator Green told the News Review: "It appears the Kassoff letter was used as a crutch "in the planning board's decision to grant subdivision."

Dedication of Parkland

Greenbelt's second reason for opposing approval of the subdivision plans of the Greenbrook development centered on parkland. The city council had found the developer's plan for mandatory dedication of parkland "unacceptable," Weidenfeld said.

County law accepts three routes for a developer to follow in providing open space or recreation facilities as part of new residential development: (1) dedication of land or (2) a fee-in-lieu of land dedication or (3) recreation facilities or amenities equaling the fee-in-lieu. In this case, the developer must dedicate 5.4933 acres or \$16,850 in cash or in facilities.

Brugger identified for the planning board those steps which the developer is taking: (1) dedication of 6.1 acres of land adjacent to Schrom Hills Park and (2) amenities on the Greenbrook property to cost approximately \$20,000—2,800 linear feet of trails and walkways and two sitting/picnic areas.

Weidenfeld called attention to the parkland. First, he said, the developer has agreed to dedicate three acres of land to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) for a stormwater management pond. Next, he went on, the same land will also be dedicated to the city for parkland. Should the land be used twice? "The public is being short-changed," Weidenfeld told the planning board. "The city council does not believe the developers of Greenbrook are fully meeting their obligations."

"The developer is paying for the design of the six-acre lake, which could have been a two-acre mudhole," Brugger said. The lake, which will be constructed by WSSC, will be a regional facility serving more than just Greenbrook. County law provides that land used for stormwater management may be counted for mandatory dedication if it meets any of three tests: (1) is a visual amenity or provides (2) active or (3) passive recreation. "We think the lake will provide all three," Brugger asserted. "We're giving 110 percent of the parkland required and additional facilities in excess of \$20,000. We've done both."

Why, asked the city, was the lake pushed partly onto the Schrom Hills Park from its original location on the developer's property, thus enabling the developer to build more units?

Michael Rudo, WSSC project development official, responded that there is a sewer line under the original lake site. It would be "expensive to relocate the sewer." It would be easier and cheaper to move the lake. "There's no doubt that shifting the lake there is a large area than can now be developed," Rudo said.

"These are pre-design drawings" of the lake, said Rudo, so that there is no commitment to the exact location until the sanitary commission has reviewed these plans.

Weidenfeld asked Rudo to point out on the developer's map the location of the 100-year flood plain for the planning board. Land within the 100-year flood plain is acceptable for mandatory dedication only if the planning board approves. Because both the WSSC stormwater facility and the Schrom Hills Park (currently owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission) will be turned over to the City of Greenbelt, shouldn't the city be making the decision concerning the flood plain? (Although the stormwater facility and the park were set up while the land was under county jurisdiction, they are now within the city limits as a result of last year's annexation of Hunting Ridge and surrounding undeveloped property.) The city had written to the developer on November 21 suggesting that the three acres in the flood plain be deeded to WSSC and then other "usable land" be offered to the city for parkland.

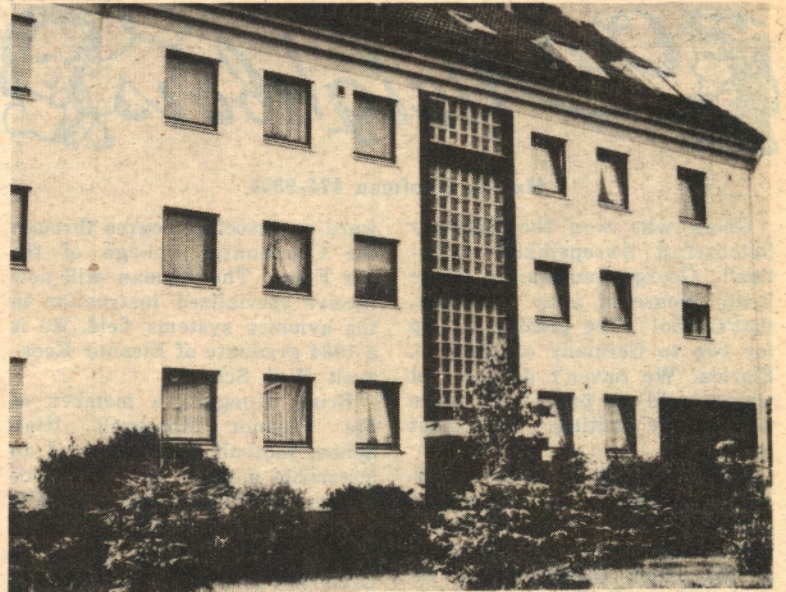
The parkland will be provided to the City of Greenbelt at the time of final plat approval (by the planning board) with an easement to WSSC. "Does this open space meet the guidelines?" planning board vice chairman Dabney asked Dean Armstrong of the technical staff.

"Yes, if the planning board finds the lake is a visual amenity," Armstrong responded.

"Existing wooded parkland will have to be cleared and graded for the stormwater facility," said Weidenfeld, as the city continued to push its point. WSSC's response was, "We're working closely with . . . (county) parks people." Our agreement, added WSSC, says the developer would provide the land gratis to us.

"He had to provide it anyhow," responded Weidenfeld. "Now he's getting (double) credit. . . ."

"If the lake is considered an amenity," it's acceptable, said planning board member Margaret Yewell. "The applicant can't control where the sewer is."



This building was photographed by Valerie Watson while in Germany this summer. Notice the glass bricks.

"We are giving 110 percent of dedication and facilities in excess of the fee-in-lieu required," reminded Brugger. "We're giving twice. We think we've covered the recreation facilities pretty clearly and satisfied the ordinance. We understand the City of Greenbelt's love of open space," he said. You have given them a lovely park, free of charge, he reminded the planning board, and we have given them a lake.

Yewell moved approval of Greenbrook Part II, 34.4 acres for 232 townhouses. The vote was 4-to-0.

The last two items, Greenbrook

Part III, 9.5 acres of commercial property, and the three commercial lots on the 21.8-acre Smith-Ewing property were then quickly approved. Yewell again abstained and did not vote on the final agenda item. She is related to one of the applicants.

In a later agenda item the planning board also approved the final site plan for the residence inn/hotel (Smith-Ewing, Lot 2). Groundbreaking for the 140-suite hotel by Hotel Investors Trust will occur soon, Brugger told city officials late Thursday.

Also contributing to this story was Elaine Skolnik.

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The following Greenbelt students are listed in the 8th annual edition of the National Deans List. Students at the University of Maryland, College Park include: Diane S. Bodner, Patricia E. De Young, William C. Dickerson, Crystal L. Elliott, Soo-Hock Khoo, John R. Kolasinski, Kathy J. Lovaas, Dawn R. Revis, Rajiv Tayal.

Other Greenbelters named are Allen M. Donn of Cornell University, Karen L. Goss of Gallaudet College, Pamela A. Hooks of Capital Ins. of Technology, Rachel J. Turkiewicz of University of Miami, and Joann M. Whalen of Strayer College.

The following Greenbelt students are listed in the 19th annual edition of Who's Who among American High School students: Danna Marie Brunatti, Marcia Hall, Eric W. Hirschmann, Philip Rodkin, Damon Gutterman, Thomas K. Han, Leigh R. Jascourt, Mee-Young Yi.

The senior citizens health and exercise class at Springhill Lake, which is under the auspices of Dr. Richard Mance, from Prince Georges Community College, held a picnic inside the Recreation building on Monday, December 9. Everyone brought a home-made dish and Tom Fink, the coordinator-in-charge, barbecued the chicken which was delicious. It was the wind-up of the class until the end of January 1986.

Airman Kevin J. Conner, son of Lorraine M. Berman and stepson of Paul F. Berman of Hanover Parkway, has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, after completing Air Force basic training. In completing the program, he earned credits to-

ward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. The Airman will now receive specialized instruction in the avionics systems field. He is a 1984 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Brian Mongelli, a member of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School football team, received an honorable mention by the Prince Georges Journal in its 1985 all-county Football Team listing.

Glad to see Ralph Smith of Greenbelt is back in the swing of things after his by-pass surgery. Keep up the good work, Ralph!

Army Pvt. Charles D. Parker, Jr., son of Gloria E. Parker of Edmonston Terrace, has arrived for duty with the Fifth Signal Commund, West Germany. Parker, a data telecommunications operator, was previously assigned at Fort Gordon, Va. He is a 1984 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

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The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, December 18 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next GHI Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, December 19 at 8 p.m. Agenda items include masonry serviceside addition regulation, 2 court Gardenway parking request and committee meeting policy.

Largo High Class of '76 Reunion Planned for Sept.

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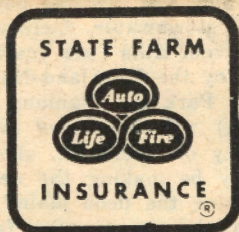
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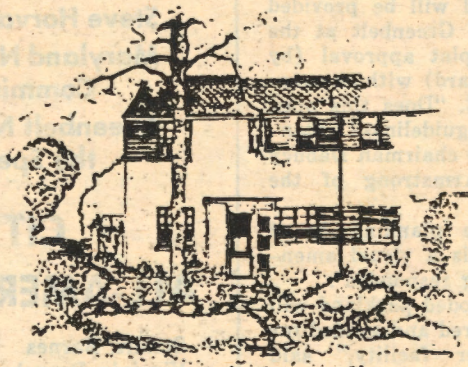
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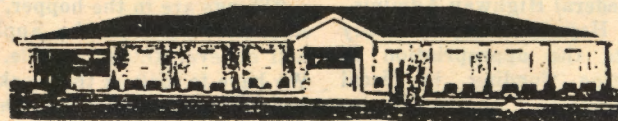
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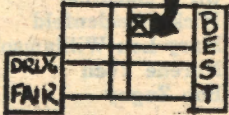
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Recreation Review

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The Recreation Department's Roller Skating Program is held at Greenbelt Center Elementary School. Skating is held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on the following days: Wednesdays: Kindergarten-3rd Grade; Fridays: 4th-6th Grades. A nominal fee will be charged at the door. Bring rink skates or rent at the school.

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Election of the new Officers was held with the following results: President - Dorothy Davidson; Vice President - Eleanore Rimar; Treasurer - Margaret Graham; Recording Secretary - Lucille Vaughn; Corres. Secretary Hilda Yontz. A vote of thanks and appreciation is given to the outgoing officers for their great and successful services to the Club.

A Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Center.

Renaissance Singers To Perform at Utopia

A Renaissance Christmas Concert will be sung by the group Musikanten on Thursday, December 19 beginning at 8 p.m. in the Utopia Theater. The twelve-member group, appearing in period costumes, is led by Kerry Krebill and has performed throughout the Washington area. For information, see the Greenbelt Arts Center ad or call 474-7763.

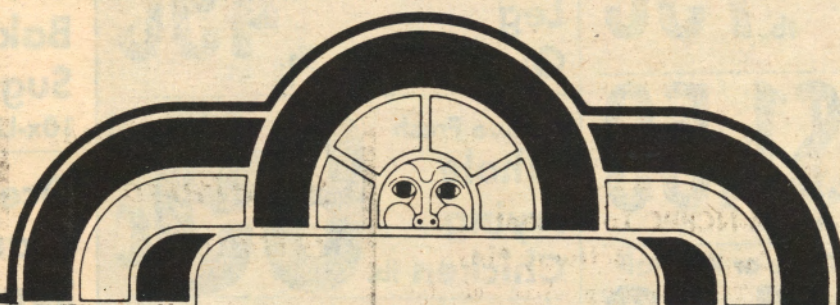
GRAY PANTHERS TO HOLD POT LUCK DINNER

The Gray Panthers of Prince Georges will hold a covered dish Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Youth Center.

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Police Blotter

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About 8:30 p.m. December 5 during an armed robbery at the Radio Shack in Greenway Shopping Center two men displayed a silver-colored automatic handgun and made off with computer equipment, two VCR's, a radio and a black and white TV valued at a total of \$4,149. The suspects were described as black males, the first 34 to 36 years, 5' 8", 150 lbs., medium complexion, light moustache, scar from bottom of left side to nose to left side of lip, wearing brown plastic horned-rimmed glasses, a medium wool trench coat, black knit cap, black dress pants, light-colored button-up shirt, dress shoes. The second man was about the same age, 6'5", 210 lbs., wearing a maroon ski cap with round yellow emblem on front with the nickname "Bigman."

On December 3 basement storage bins were broken into at three apartment buildings in the 400 block of Ridge Road. Stolen at 406 Ridge Road was a blue Huffy mens' 26" 10-speed bicycle. The chain securing the bike had been cut. At 410 Ridge Road miscellaneous items valued at \$1288 were taken, including a 10-speed bicycle, 2 Michelin tires, a couch, a barbecue grill, a movie screen rugs, a Christmas tree stand and ornaments and books. At 432 Ridge Road Christmas items valued at \$385 were stolen.

About 9:50 p.m., December 4 Sgt. Terrence McGrath and Officer Troy Harding, responded to a reported theft at 7200 block Manian Rd., stopped a vehicle fitting the reported description and arrested four non-residents. The officers recovered a large plywood Santa Claus which had been reported stolen from the front yard of the Mandan Road address.

Storage bins in the basement of the apartment building at 422 Ridge Road were broken into on

Adult Coffee Hours Set

Starting this coming Sunday, December 15, there will be an adult coffee hour in the multipurpose room of the Youth Center. It will be held from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m. every Sunday until the middle of May. All adults of the community are invited to participate.

November 27. Two tool boxes and other miscellaneous items were stolen.

A black 1984 Toyota Supra, Md. CFM 1130 was stolen from the parking lot next to 7600 Hanover Parkway on December 4.

On November 29 property valued at \$437, consisting of a Whistler Spectrum radar detector, a GE 40-channel CB radio and a Polaroid camera was stolen from an auto parked at 9111 Edmonston Road.

Pioneer stereo equipment valued at \$500 was stolen from an auto at 9342 Edmonston Road on November 30.

On December 3 a 12-volt battery and a 6-gallon gas tank were reported stolen from a boat stored at the boat lot at 9200 Edmonston Road.

A Maryland registration tag, JPY 033 was stolen on November 27 from a 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass parked at 6225 Springhill Court.

On December 2 an attempt was made to break into a 1982 Pontiac Firebird parked at 8010 Lakecrest Drive by punching out the door lock mechanism. Entry was not gained.

The Holiday Inn at 7200 Hanover Parkway reported two of its cigarette vending machines in the restaurant lobby broken into on December 3. 110 packs of assorted cigarettes were stolen.

On December 3 a roll of carpet was stolen from a vacant apartment at 6107 Breezewood Court.

During the evening of December 3 \$116 was reported stolen from a cash drawer at Wendy's Fast Food at Beltway Plaza.

Hardship Withdrawal Rule Eased for Christmas Clubs

Governor Harry Hughes on Dec. 9 said depositors may apply for funds from designated "Christmas Club" accounts under the state's hardship withdrawal plan's miscellaneous category. To reduce "red tape," he directed the administrators of the plan to waive the requirement that tax returns be submitted, as required for other miscellaneous requests.

"These mostly small, passbook accounts should be available for people who were counting on these funds for the holidays," Governor Hughes said.

Christmas Club accounts were offered at Old Court and Community Savings and Loan Associations.

As of Dec. 9, more than 1,800 hardship withdrawal applications totaling nearly \$7.5 million have been approved for depositors of Old Court, Community and First Maryland. The categories have included tuition payments, necessities of life, medical emergencies, institutional care, property settlements and funeral expenses. For further information contact Lou Panos or Norm Silverstein (269-2316).

MDOT Warns Against Drugs & Driving Mix

December 15-21 is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week. In focusing on this growing problem, a safety specialist from the Maryland Department of Transportation noted that "One in every 100 arrests for driving under-the-influence involves a drug other than alcohol." According to Safety Specialist Jim Lang, "All drugs, including cold and flu medications, not just alcohol, can impair the senses and alter perceptions."

The department suggests that those taking medication ask their doctors or pharmacist if it is safe to drive after taking a prescribed or over-the-counter drug; read the label for warnings describing potentially adverse effects such as dizziness or drowsiness; and refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages while using medications.

Metro Extends Schedules For December & Holidays

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Service for the holidays will be:

Christmas Day, December 25, Sunday Schedule 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; New Year's Eve, December 31, extended weekday schedule 6 a.m. - 2 a.m.; New Year's Day, January 1, Sunday Schedule 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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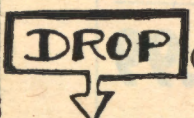
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Two BARC Parcels To Become Parkland

By Betsy Likowski

Those who have been concerned about the fate of land in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) declared surplus in 1982 have been given some good news — two parcels have been given to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) to be used as parkland.

Parcels number 4 and 5A will become part of existing parks. Parcel 4, which is 4.49 acres, is located between Cherry Hill Road and the Beltway. It is next to the Cherry Hill Community Park and will be used to supplement the garden plot program there. It will also be used as a picnic area with parking lot and restroom facilities.

Parcel 5 is next to the Sunnyside Neighborhood Park on Rhode Island Avenue near the Beltway. The 5.6 acre parcel will more than double that park's area and will be used for a softball field and an exercise trail.

Since 1982, when several parcels of BARC land were declared surplus, a number of citizens, citizen's groups (including Citizens for Greenbelt) and elected officials (including the Greenbelt City Council, Congressman Steny Hoyer and the County Council) have expressed concern about selling off BARC land. City, county, state and federal officials had recommended that Parcel 4 be used for park and recreational purposes. An adjacent 67 acres were turned over to MNCPPC about 12 years ago.

In April of this year the National Capital Planning Commission recommended that Parcel 5A be used for parkland. An earlier plan was to transfer the land to the Montgomery County Cerebral Palsy Association which later decided not to use it.

Two other parcels of BARC land have been declared surplus: Parcel 5 is a 9.6 acre plot near the National Agricultural Library on U.S. Route 1, and Parcel 13 is a heavily wooded land in the northeast corner of BARC between Springfield and Odell roads. Parcel 13, a 247 acre tract, is used

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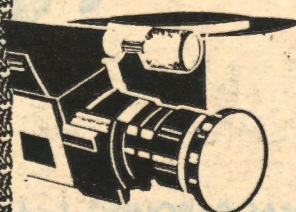
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National Park Service Regional Director Manus J. Fish (left) congratulates Greenbelter Jerry Iseman for being this year's most outstanding volunteer at Greenbelt Park. They are pictured during ceremonies at the Shoreham Hotel on October 19.

Iseman Is Outstanding Volunteer at Greenbelt Pk.

Jerry Iseman of Greenbelt has been named this year's most outstanding volunteer at Greenbelt Park.

Iseman is instrumental in the smooth operation of the Greenbelt Park Campground, dispensing information and registering campers, who come from all over the country to visit the Nation's Capital. He is part of the National Park Service Campground Host program. As part of this program, Iseman spends the summer at the campground living in a trailer, available to other campers 24 hours a day.

In addition to greeting the campers, Iseman has taken the initiative to carry out many maintenance activities at the park, including painting the information booth this past spring.

Iseman is among 75 other top volunteers who served in 1985 at sites of the National Park Service in the greater metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. All were invited to a gala "Volunteer Breakfast" in their honor Saturday, October 19, at the Shoreham Hotel, hosted by the Washington business community.

The volunteers were selected from more than 4,000 persons who served, in a wide variety of ways, the needs of 28 park sites in the National Capital Region of the National Park Service. These volunteers, all enrolled under the nationwide Volunteer-In-Parks program of the National Park Service, contributed 143,500 hours in 1985.

PG Students Score Higher On Achievement Tests

Prince Georges County Public School students scored higher, in some cases significantly higher, than their counterparts nationally and in Maryland on the highly competitive achievement examinations of the College Board's most recent Admission Testing Program.

The school system's combined score of 591 on the 10 selective exams was 51 points higher than the national average and 26 points higher than the state average. The new combined score represents an increase of 33 points since 1980 in Prince Georges County. The national score went up 12 points and the Maryland score went up eight points during the same time period.

On the individual achievement exams, Prince Georges students actually outscored the nation in seven of the 10 tests: English composition, mathematics I, in mathematics II, American his-

Band, Choir Concert To Be Held at ERHS

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Winter Concert will be held Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. featuring instrumental and choral music.

The international-award-winning Wind Ensemble will perform, as will two concert bands and the flute choir. The Concert Choir will be accompanied by two brass choirs, and the Women's Chorus will sing. Refreshments will be served.

Greenbelt residents Amy Alcorn, James Barnett, James Harris, David Kressler, Ron Pei, Sasha Cockburn, Ashley Emanuel, Heather Hart, Pamela Leadbetter, Lisa Powers, Dawn Whalen, William Barwick, Dan Law, Justin Neumaier, Matt Robinson and John Smet will play. Also performing are Cathy Smith, Jonathan Walker, Kathy Barwick, Johanna Bolin, Jennifer Bram, Eric Bridges, Lisa Byrd, Charles Carter, John Compton, Robert Dillard, Debra Dowd, Erin Harpe, Ralph Husk, Sung Jun, Gary Mack, Jeff Powers, Wendy Romick, Johnna Spruill, Keniti Tompson, and Moghaddam Vakili of Greenbelt.

City Manager Reports Large Crime Increase

According to the City Manager's report for the week ending October 25, Class 1 (serious) crimes in Greenbelt have shown an alarming increase for the first eight months of 1985. The increase in these crimes over the same period in 1984 is just over 50%. The areas of robbery and theft reflected the largest increases, 107% and 62% respectively. Robberies more than doubled from 15 to 31 and thefts increased from 341 to 552. Listed below are the statistics:

	8 Months		%
	1984	1985	Chg.
Homicide	0	2	—
Rape	5	6	20%
Robbery	15	31	107%
Assault	55	79	44%
Breaking & Entering	114	137	20%
Theft	341	552	62%
Auto Theft	74	104	41%
Total	604	911	51%

tory, chemistry, physics and literature. The county outscored the state in those tests as well, except physics.

All-America City

Pitch to be Aired, Booth on Display

Greenbelt's presentation before the All-America City Jury during the Awards Competition Nov. 15-17 in Cincinnati was videotaped by city staff. The edited tape by city staff. The program will air on Channel A-10 on Mon., Dec. 16 (before the City Council meeting) and Tuesday, Dec. 17. Each program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The booth created for the All-America City Competition has

been set up in the lobby on the second floor of the municipal building and can be seen during office hours. The bulletin board features citizen activities through photos accompanied by quotations. A second board displays photos taken of the Greenbelt team's trip to Cincinnati - from its departure via the Greenbelt Connection to Dulles airport, arrival at the hotel, working the booth, rehearsals for presentation, banquet, to the tour of Greenhills and the return flight.

The two displays will remain on view through Christmas.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Friday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.

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GHI Reschedules Bylaws Meeting; Discusses Parking and Additions

by Mavis Fletcher

At its December 5 meeting, the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., rescheduled the long-awaited Special Membership Meeting on Bylaws for Tuesday, January 21, at 8 p.m. in the city council chambers. The meeting, which had been postponed once because of a lack of a quorum and twice for other reasons, will deal with proposed changes in the bylaws of the corporation.

The board also adopted a policy on serviceside additions in frame homes and received a report from the Aesthetics and Environment Committee on such additions in the masonry homes. For the frame homes, the board adopted regulations which, among other provisions, limit the size of the addition to 20% of the serviceside lot area and stipulate that the siding must match that on the main structure. Only one-story additions are permitted on the serviceside. The A & E committee recommended that additions on the serviceside of masonry homes also be constructed of materials which match the main unit. Don Volk, chairman of the committee, acknowledged that his requirement would add to the cost of the addition but maintained that the cost would be relatively small because the additions themselves are small. The A & E committee report will be considered at a later meeting.

2 Court Gardenway Parking

The A & E committee also reported to the board on the plan proposed by the court members for augmenting parking in the 2 Court of Gardenway. Volk said that the committee was reluctant to see greenspace used for parking but did not strongly oppose the court plan. He also said the committee felt that 14 spaces were too many, suggested a survey of garage use, and raised questions about how the parking spaces were to be paid for.

The discussion of parking plans raised the subject of a letter sent out by the Ad Hoc Committee on Parking in which, according to board comments, the committee asked the board and Audit Committee members not to attend one of the parking committee's recent meetings. Director Wayne Williams, asked whether it is proper for the committee to hold a "closed meeting." He also made the point that "it is one thing to tell the board not to attend but quite another to tell the Audit Committee not to attend." President Margaret Hogens, while admitting that the committee's action was "a questionable thing," said that some parking committee members had told her that the committee had gotten a lot of work done in the session. At the end of the discussion, the board agreed to put the subject of the closed meeting on the agenda for the December 19 board of directors meeting.

Replacing Original Windows

The board also set policy on the replacement of original windows which were retained by some members and not replaced during rehab. The new policy states that if an original window in either a frame or masonry unit becomes irreparable, that window must be replaced with a window equal to or better than those provided under the rehab program.

In the case of masonry homes, however, the original windows cannot be matched in appearance. Therefore, the board decided that all windows in the unit would have to be replaced at the time of resale, if not before. If the member wished to replace all the windows before resale, a loan could be arranged from the land reserve fund to enable the member to pay for this expenditure over a ten-year period.

The board voted also to request that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission replace the Research Road water mains north of the intersection with Hillside. According to General Manager Ronald Colton, these mains are the original ones installed by the federal government and are so badly corroded and clogged that the opening has dwindled to one-quarter inch. The condition of the water mains causes low water pressure and rusty water in the units serviced by them.

Work Ticket System Revised

The board discussed the system of maintenance work tickets and follow-up. Colton presented statistics on the handling of work order tickets written between November 18-22 as a basis for the discussion. During that period, for example, the Mechanical

Section (which includes electrical and plumbing work) wrote 108 tickets and completed all but 28 of them by the end of the week. In addition, the section completed 22 orders left over from the previous week which, Colton said, involved waiting for parts or other such delays. Colton noted that he had set up a system of accounting for each work ticket so that he could monitor delays in accomplishing maintenance calls. Director David Warner, however, insisted that the system loses calls and characterized this as "the biggest single cause of member dissatisfaction." He suggested that there would be a "big return in member satisfaction if the member could be given a number" which then could be tracked if the work was not completed. Colton agreed to set up a system so that the members who call for maintenance of a specific problem will be given a work order number at the time of the call. This number can then be referred to by the member in any subsequent calls about the needed maintenance. Colton said the system would go into effect on December 9.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be on December 19.

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County Executive Parris Glendening presented \$1800 to Mayor Gil Weidenfeld recently to help defray the expenses of Greenbelt's participation in the All America City competition. "I am very proud to think that the county has a finalist in the contest," said Glendening. "We are happy to be able to help . . . and we are following the competition with the greatest interest."

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GHI BOARD MEETING

Preliminary Agenda
Thursday
December 19, 1985
8:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Membership Applications
3. Visitors and members
4. Committees
5. Manager
 - a. 2 ct. Gardenway Parking
 - b. Masonry Addition Regs.
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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Advisory Planning Board Meeting

8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18, 1985

in the Conference Room,
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1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Proposal to Develop Parcel 15 with Garden Apartment Style Condominiums

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Council Looks at Trailer for Police Dept.

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tree would have to be cut back or possibly removed to make room for the large (50 foot) trailer.

Council members Ed Putens, White and also Weidenfeld commented on the esthetic aspects of having a large trailer situated at the site, even temporarily. White disliked "damaging the view" and urged that the North End School building be used for this and other "pressing" needs. However Chief Hutson said that this solution was preferable, from his point of view, to use of the school building because of the need for a wired communication link to the main switchboard in the Municipal Building. Bram and Weidenfeld agreed that it would be a "necessary eyescore," and council decided to give the matter some more thought.

City's Legislative Agenda

With respect to what issues the city of Greenbelt should urge state and county legislators to push, some differences surfaced among council and staff. The staff has suggested that some domestic items such as municipal infractions, a bill of rights for law enforcement officers, and a proposed hotel/motel tax should have priority, and also the matter of obtaining advance funding for widening the Greenbelt Road bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Council members, however, added other items such as a tax abatement for Hunting Ridge residents, support for the proposed County zoning and planning bill (PG 407), and more regulations for developed subdivisions.

White spoke for including the Hunting Ridge tax abatement as a legislated "targeted rebate", to correct what he termed "double taxation" in this particular case. He also urged support for bill PG 407 to remedy deficiencies, in his view, in present zoning disputes whereby interested parties to such disputes — such as the county executive, and through him the communities involved — cannot express opinions. Weidenfeld, on the other hand, pointed out that some council members were not yet familiar with the

issue and needed more time to consider it. Similarly Giese expressed his own preference for not bringing the Hunting Ridge matter up for legislative action, noting that some legislators have balked in the past about taking on too much. On the other hand, White felt it was not appropriate for the city to "spearhead" advance funding for the Greenbelt Road bridge, and Giese agreed, while Weidenfeld saw no harm in bringing it up for the legislators' informal consideration. On a motion by White to delete this topic the council split three to two with the majority voting in favor of including the bridge funding on the agenda.

Roosevelt Center Plan

Toward the end of the meeting, White proposed having a public hearing on proposals for the Roosevelt Center "so that citizens can voice their reactions." He said that the city-sponsored charette designs lacked public input, and were not internally consistent. Weidenfeld preferred to develop first a general draft plan which could be presented to the community, an approach concurred in by Bram. Weidenfeld felt that the public needed a "concrete visual plan" to consider. On the other hand, PRAB chairman Keith Chernikoff appeared to support White's position in urging that "the objectives have to be clear (from) a general consensus." This difference in viewpoint was not settled in the ensuing vigorous discussion, with Weidenfeld deciding to set up a work session on the issue which would select people to draw up more general plans for the Center, and White questioning the makeup of such a work session.

Other Items

The Greenbelt Arts Center, through spokesman Konrad Herling, requested \$200 for painting the walls of the Utopia Theater. It was explained by the staff that this request was only brought to

council because of an apparent conflict with a principle, recommended by PRAB, that funds not be used for purchasing items outside city ownership. Chernikoff explained this to council as the basis for his committee's negative recommendation, but council members Ed Putens and White supported the request when Herling responded that other city recreational organizations were making use of the theater. In answer to a question by Bram, Chernikoff clarified that PRAB's position was not a formally adopted one. The Art Center's request was granted.

On another subject, the council offered suggestions to City Clerk Gudrun Mills for topics of interest to be included on the agenda of the 1986 Maryland Municipal League Convention. Some of these were: building more "linkage" with our neighbor cities, use of surplus facilities (such as North End School), preserving green space (Isaacs); how to get citizens involved in taxing issues, relations with the press and media, public access to cable TV (White); the local bus system, senior citizens' problems, and even dress codes for municipal officials (Bram).

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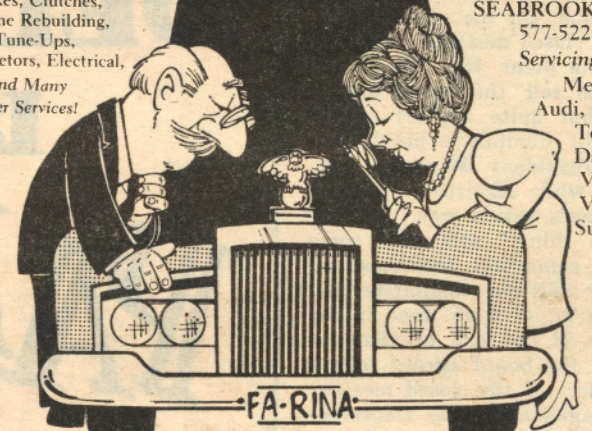


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For those persons interested in participating in this program, the city recommends the purchase of the following trees for this program, as they will survive well in Greenbelt's climate: white pine, Douglas fir, Norway Spruce, Scotch pine or Canadian hemlock. After Christmas, the trees will be collected by the parks division and planted in a city park.

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Recent media reports have questioned the safety of mercury. The dental profession has addressed this problem by conducting thorough and continuous research which has consistently proved that mercury offers no health hazard. Mercury, in fact occurs naturally in the body. One exception to be noted is the rare occurrence of an allergic reaction, which would appear as a skin rash.

Researchers are currently seeking new materials and methods for restoring decayed teeth with something better than "silver". As yet no satisfactory alternative has been found. For the immediate future, at least, silver fillings will continue to be the dentists primary means of treating decay.

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Roosevelt Center Group Meets, Plans for Future

The Roosevelt Center Association met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9 at Behavior Service Consultants, Inc.

Several issues were discussed: the work of the Advertising and Marketing Committee including soliciting all Roosevelt Center business and agencies to join and participate with the Association, advertising as a way to increase traffic in the Center, a budget for regular advertising in the News Review, and the development of a logo for the Center and for the Association.

The Association is soliciting from the community ideas on such a logo which could be used on road signs and in advertisements. Anyone interested in this Roosevelt Center logo project is invited to contact Konrad Herling at 345-9369.

The next Association meetings will be Monday, January 13, at

Middle School News

For the first grading period, Greenbelt Middle School had 183 students who achieved a place on the honor roll. Forty-seven of the 183 students earned a 3.50 or better. An ice cream social will be held for the honor roll pupils on December 16 at school.

Of the several students who made 4.00, Rajeevan Amirtharajah resides in Greenbelt.

The Student Government Association sponsored a Thanksgiving canned food drive for needy families in this area. Several needy families were provided with numerous canned goods and turkeys to help them celebrate Thanksgiving. Over 1,000 cans were collected by the Student Government Association.

7:30 p.m. at Behavior Service Consultants, Inc. and Thursday, January 23, at 7:30 a.m. in the City Council room.

OPEN HOUSE

AMI Doctors' Hospital of Prince Georges County, 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham, will hold a holiday open house for its staff, friends and neighbors on Saturday, December 14, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The celebration will include re-

freshments, hospital tours and a special tour from Santa. Additionally, guests can participate in a mini-health fair that will feature a number of health screenings and demonstrations.

For additional information, contact Jane K. Anderson, Director of Public and Media Relations, 552-9400, Ext. 5137.



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